

Group III, claims 19-21, drawn to transgenic animals.

Applicant elects Group 1 (claims 1-14), drawn to polynucleotides, the encoded polypeptide, and methods of making and using the polynucleotides and request examination on the merits for these elected claims.

REMARKS

Applicant has herein elected Group I, claims 1-14. It is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and so reconsideration of the claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested.

Applicant does not believe that an extension of time is required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, Applicant requests that any such fees be charged to deposit account number 19-4972, as well as any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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Respectfully submitted,



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